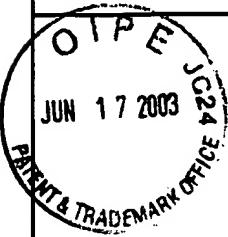


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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In re Application of HAYDOCK, et al.

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For METHODS FOR PREVENTING CROSS-CONTAMINATION
IN SOLID SUPPORT-BASED ASSAYSGroup Art Unit
1637 Examiner
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows
(check time period desired):

- One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))
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- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 205 .
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